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CIA AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES

Editor, The Gazette and Daily:

Every concerned U. S. citizen should carefully read and ponder the report of Fred J. Cook on CIA activities in The Nation magazine of June 24. Here for the first time is assembled in great detail, from widely re-

ported sources, none unnamed, an account of the more important activities of this super-secret, policy-making, mafia-like agency of the U. S. government.

In this fascinating, yet short one lesson, (1) why John Foster Dulles induced Chiang Kai-Shek to send his "best" troops to Quemoy and Matsu--two small islands within rifle range of mainland China; (2) "The Story Behind Quemoy: How We Drifted Close to War" in 1954 and again in 1958; (3) how Burma was nearly thrown into war with China because of CIA support of Nationalist Chinese guerrillas located in northern Burma; (4) the story of Mossadegh's overthrow in Iran; (5) how the Arbenz government was overthrown in Guatemala in 1954; (6) how the neutralist government in Laos was overthrown in 1958 and again in 1960 (the U. S. is currently trying to get back the government it overthrew); and (7) the inside story of the Cuban invasion.

The picture is that of a government within a government, and one without parallel, except possibly for the former alliance between the German General Staff and the Prussian Junkers.

Another story the concerned citizen will want to know about is contained in an article by Cahill Phillips in the New York Times of June 18, under the caption "Right-Wing Officers Worrying the Pentagon." Heretofore disclosed to the general public, perhaps for the first time, that the National Security Council in 1958 decided secretly upon the "mobilization of all arms of government--military, diplomatic, civilian--in the 'cold war' struggle."

Apparently, the disclosure at this time is the result of a newspaper report that Major General Edwin A. Walker, the 24th Division commander, was telling his troops, along the John Birch Society line, that Eleanor Roosevelt and Dean Acheson were "definitely pink" and Walter Lippman, Edward R. Murrow and Eric Sevareid "confirmed Communists." How many other officers, men and civilians in the military establishment (under this new National Security Council policy) are advancing similar views will never be known, except in the unlikely event of a congressional investigation of these activities.

It would be surprising if the Pentagon civilian heads were not "worrying" about

the course events have taken, but it is even more surprising that they did not anticipate these dangerous results. The military is an authoritarian organization.

The policy-making and mafia-like activities of the CIA and the political and propaganda activities of the military are inconsistent and incompatible with a free society. Unless these activities are abolished, and soon, this nation will also join, in the opinion of this writer, the rapidly increasing ranks of the garrison state.

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